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SUBJECT: VISIT OF NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE TO EGYPT

- 1. BY FOREIGN OFFICE NOTE DATED MARCH 4, GOE HAS INFORMED US THAT IT APPROVES IN PRINCIPLE VISIT OF NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE TO EGYPT IN MAY.
- 2. NOTE ALSO REQUESTS FOLLOWING INFORMATION:
- A. NAMES AND RANKS OF MEMBERS OF NWC GROUP
- B. DATES OF VISIT TO EGYPT (UNLESS THERE HAVE BEEN FURTHER CHANGES IN SCHEDULE, WE SHALL INFORM GOE THAT VISIT DATES WILL BE MAY 9-11).
- C. QUESTIONS WHICH NWC MEMBERS WILL WANT TO ASK.
- 3. WITH APPROVAL NOW GRANTED WE ARE NOW SEEKING APPOINTMENT WITH LT. GEN. ABDEL RUB NABI HAFEZ, SECGEN OF WAR MINISTRY, TO ARRANGE DETAILS OF VISIT. WE WOULD LIKE TO FLAG ONE MATTER OF IMPORTANCE, HOWEVER. MAY 10, THE ONLY FULL DAY THAT THE NWC GROUP IS SCHEDULED TO SPEND IN EGYPT, FALLS ON FRIDAY, NORMALLY AN EGYPTIAN HOLIDAY. WE SHALL ENDEAVOR TO ARRANGE TO HAVE NWC MEET WITH HIGHEST LEVELS OF EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT, BUT CAN HARDLY REQUEST SUCH HIGH OFFICIALS FOREGO MUSLIM SABBATH. RECOGNIZE DIFFICULTY OF RESCHEDULING ITINERARY, CONFIDENTIAL

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BUT PROSPECTS OF ARRANGING DESIRABLE APPOINTMENTS WOULD

BE INCREASED CONSIDERABLY IF NWC COULD ARRIVE EITHER ONE DAY EARLIER OR DEPART ONE DAY LATER. PLEASE ADVISE.

- 4. AS SOON AS INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE, WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF FOLLOWING REQUIRED DETAILS OF NWC FLIGHT IN ORDER TO OBTAIN LANDING CLEARANCE:
- A. AIRCRAFT NUMBER AND CALL SIGN
- B. PILOT'S NAME
- C. NUMBER OF CREW
- D. GROSS WEIGHT OF AIRCRAFT
- E. ROUTE OF FLIGHT AND ETA/ETD EGYPTIAN AIRSPACE. ETA CAIRO AIRPORT.
- 5. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE KNOWING APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF FUEL REQUIRED FOR REFUELING AIRCRAFT. ARE THERE SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR A/C SECURITY? IN THIS REGARD, BELIEVE GOE WILL PROVIDE ADEQUATE PHYSICAL SECURITY FOR A/C WHILE AT CAIRO AIRPORT. EILTS

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